

THE BENNINGTON EVENING BANNER

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PRICE TWO CENTS

Some People Who Seem to Lack Decision on Every Other Question Are Able to Decide Promptly that They Will Not Go to Church

ENEMY RENEWS ATTACKS SOUTH OF OISE RIVER

Beaten Back By French Who Had Much Fewer Men.

AMERICANS IN RAIDS

Called Out Twice in One Night and Reached German First Trenches and Drove the Huns Out.

With the Americans in France, Monday, April 8—an American officer just returned from the northern front battlefield where he has been since virtually the beginning of the German offensive, estimates that the Germans have lost three hundred thousand killed, wounded and missing.

This officer was formerly in the British army and is familiar with all the conditions.

Walter Kornack, overseas commissioner of the Knights of Columbus, called on General Pétain Sunday. He outlined the work the organization is planning among the soldiers.

Washington, April 8.—News of the landing of a British force at Vladivostok which followed the Japanese party into the city has reached the state department from the American consul there. No other details are given.

Moscow, April 8.—The Japanese representative at Yokohama has sent a communication to the Russian foreign minister minimizing the significance of the landing of Japanese troops at Vladivostok. He states that the incident is local and that Admiral Nakhodkin without specific orders from his government:

London, April 8.—On the Somme's southern bank last night the British made some advance the war office announced.

With Americans in France, Sunday, April 8.—On the front northwest of Toul Friday night the Germans attempted two raids. Both were repulsed by American industrymen who went out of their trenches a second time and chased the Germans from the German first line trenches into their support trenches.

With the French Army, Sunday, April 8.—Twenty-five divisions have been used by the Germans in the last four days in efforts to break through the French line and reach the railroad running south from Amiens.

All attacks have been checked by the wonderful resistance of French troops, some of whom were thrown into the line as soon as they arrived on the battlefield.

The Germans obtained only insignificant results compared with the number of their troops which is at least three times in number of the French.

Paris, April 8.—Violent artillery engagements occurred last night, especially on the left bank of the Oise, says today's official report.

British Report.

London, April 8.—There was no resumption today of the heavy fighting along the British front. The Germans according to the report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters, took advantage of strong British and French attacks on the Aisne and the Arce. The British forces, advancing in token masses, advanced north of Beauvois, Hamel and before our bridgehead position near Albert.

South of Villers-Bretonneux an action by enemy mounting troops which had assembled did not develop on account of our fire.

French divisions which had been brought up from other fronts advanced in rear on the western banks of the Aisne, between Chantilly and Hamel, east of Thury, near Chantilly, and five miles near Montil. The British forces drove down many times after sharper hand-to-hand fighting.

The result of the British night battle was:

Successful minor operations undertaken by us this morning south of the Somme led to sharp local fighting. The enemy counter-attacked strongly in an attempt to regain his former positions, and suffered heavy losses. The number of German prisoners taken has increased to over 100. Several machine guns also were captured.

This morning the enemy made two attempts to deliver attacks against our position at Bapaume, but in each case his troops were stopped and dispersed by our artillery fire.

On the remainder of the battlefield, the day passed more quietly.

German Report.

Berlin, April 7. (via London).—“On the southern bank of the Oise the continuation of our attack brought fresh successes,” says the official communication from Army Headquarters this evening. “Pommerey and Flanders have been taken.”

EMPIRE STATE EXPRESS ENGINE KILLED

Double Collision Near Amsterdam This Forenoon.

RAN INTO FREIGHT WRECK

Early Reports of Accident Were that Many Passengers Had Been Killed.

RED CROSS REPORT

Monthly Statement of Receipts and Expenses.

Monthly Report of the Empire State American Red Cross for month of March.

Receipts

Feb. 25. Balance on hand \$371.08

Gives

Frederick H. Jennings 400.00

Mrs. F. D. Jennings 200.00

Mr. Chas. C. Kelley 100.00

2 Memberships 2.00

High School Junior Red Cross 24.25

Refund Xmas Drive, Bowditch and Stamford 129.25

Total Receipts \$130.85

Disbursements

American Red Cross supply 1 16.80

American Red Cross supply 65.45

Hanley & Co., cars 42.27

Hanley & Co., cars 118.01

Hanley & Co., cars 46.75

Parochial care 327.59

Standard Mills yarn 129.00

R. D. Devey, exec. 1.00

National Express 15.94

Singer Sewing Machine 2.00

Remington Case Co. 2.25

U. S. Taffie Co. co. 1.00

Bridges Hotel 5.22

Adams Hardware Co. 1.00

A. Drydale & Son 121.25

Bowditch & Co., cars 114.25

Bolton as hand 225.84

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. E. K. Hutton, Treasurer.

Gifts for peace in memory of an appeal from the officers of the Empire State American Red Cross.

Empire State Rockwood Mill 28.00

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hodder 100.00

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Drydale 20.00

Mr. H. B. L. Hall 10.00

Mr. Wm. H. Headford 10.00

Miss Harriet Walling 10.00

Mr. Wm. T. White 1.00

Mr. L. Elamson 1.00

Mr. Ernest H. Hawks 1.00

Chapman H. Cope 1.00

L. P. Abbott 1.00

Mrs. Coffey M. Graves 1.00

Miss Edith M. Dewey 1.00

Mrs. Edna Livingston 1.00

Mrs. E. B. Gibson 1.00

Mrs. Benji Katafoss 1.00

Mrs. Merrill Hitchcock 1.00

Mrs. Charles Adams 1.00

A. Member 1.00

A. Friend 1.00

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Hulme 10.00

Mrs. E. W. Bradbury 10.00

\$275.50

The need for still more contributions is urgent. Money or checks may be sent to Mrs. E. W. Bradbury, president, or Mrs. E. B. Hulme, treasurer. Without money, supplies cannot be purchased for the special work to continue.

VIENNA INSISTS FRANCE MADE MOVE FOR PEACE

But Please Responsibility on Unknown Confidential Agent of Premier Clemenceau.

Amsterdam, April 8.—An official announcement made in Vienna yesterday reiterated the assertion of Foreign Minister Czernin, which was denied Thursday by Premier Clemenceau of France, that a counter-attack coming soon has been held between Austria-Hungary and France.

An official telegram from Vienna says that Count Armand, a confidential agent with Count Rovat, counselor of the Austrian legation in Switzerland, and five others near Montreux, Switzerland, knew their troops broke down many times after sharper hand-to-hand fighting.

The troops of the army of General Smidt attacked yesterday morning strong positions on the southern bank of the Oise, near Asnières. While some of them forced a passage over the broad and very marshy Oise sector, Chantilly, after troops in an attack from the east took strong enemy positions near Amiens and in the northeastern portion of Coucy Wood. They reached the line of Béthancourt, Arras, and the northern border of Barisis.

As a result of the maneuvering of our artillery and mine throwers, the French suffered very heavy losses. To the present over 1,000 prisoners have been brought in.

By way of reprisal for the continuous bombardment of our forces in Lavaur the bombardment of Rethondes was continued.

On the eastern bank of the Marne a retreating French strong point attempted to approach our observation line on the Oise. They were repelled with losses.

In serial battles 15 enemy airplanes were shot down yesterday.

ITALIAN SILENCE GUNS

Turkish Batteries Near Crusters Successfully Pounded.

Rome, April 7.—The official communication issued by Italian Head-quarters today says:

“There were intermittent artillery actions along the Platte. In the area toward the road, hostile batteries were observed in the neighborhood of Gravina.

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ANNUAL MUSICAL

Given at the Fortnightly Saturday Afternoon.

The annual musical of the Fortnightly Club was given Saturday afternoon by a mixed quartette under the direction of James Morton, master of Pittsford.

The other members of the quartette were Mrs. Alice Stamps, soprano, of Worcester; Miss Clara Gray, contralto of Worcester; and Theodore Phinney, bass, of Adams. Mrs. Arthur Holden at the piano.

A very delightful program consisting of arias, duets and quartettes was given by these artists in an enthralling audience.

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